

Long-Term Recovery Subcommittee

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Honorable John Bell Edwards
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RE: Report of the Long Term Recovery Subcommittee of the
Unified Command Group.

Dear Governor Edwards:

On behalf of the Long Term Recovery Subcommittee, it is our pleasure to provide this annual report on activities and accomplishments for the 2018 calendar year. Act 713 of 2018 established the Long Term Recovery Subcommittee (LTRS) as a permanent subcommittee under the state's Unified Command Group. The roles and duties of the LTRS include:

- Developing long-term recovery planning and advising on opportunities that will achieve sustainability efforts within affected localities.
- Establishing advisory subcommittees for specific issues.
- Submitting an annual report to the governor and to the UCG by January first of each year.

The LTRS was convened on October 16, 2018 for its first regular meeting under the direction of the co-chairs, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Office of Community Development (OCD). On the agenda was the discussion of LTRS by-Laws and the appointment of advisory subcommittees. Draft by-Laws are currently under review and consideration by the LTRS members. Members were also directed to consider possible nominees to advisory subcommittees for submission and confirmation by the LTRS at its next meeting.

The LTRS is positioned to leverage the UCG membership and actions to effectively prepare for, respond to, mitigate from, and recover from disasters going forward. Further, the Subcommittee's presence within the UCG framework will insure that the plans, processes and programs at the state level that are in place, planned or underway, with respect to long term recovery and sustainability, are coordinated and support one another.

Some of the long term recovery planning and capacity building initiatives the LTRS will coordinate and support going forward are as follows:

GOHSEP and the Office of Community Development have hosted two critical training classes to develop local community and state recovery plans. These classes were used as forums for lessons learned from recovery that occurred within the community, and promoted national best practices to enable Louisiana stakeholders to coordinate and adjust within existing partnerships and policies statewide.

GOHSEP and the Office of Community Development has and will continue to provide project management expertise and technical assistance tools to local governments which will aid in all-hazards resilience plan development. The premise for these resilience plans is for parishes and municipalities to work together to establish Memoranda Of Understanding (MOU's) to coordinate sustainability efforts, develop local ordinances and codes that incorporate risk reduction relevant to recovery, and educate Louisiana citizens with respect to individual, community, and government responsibilities in recovery. Ouachita Parish has already successfully established a Resilience Strategy that articulates plan implementation and strategy, community preparedness, and a sequence of activation and responsibility for future disasters. Additionally, East Baton Rouge Parish is in the final stages of completing a framework incorporating the same capacity and capability building in its recovery planning for the parish.

Finally, Louisiana state agencies attended an Emergency Management Institute (EMI) class the week of October 13th in Baton Rouge. GOHSEP, along with EMI and FEMA Recovery officials, provided training tailored to meet the needs of the state partners. The training successfully enabled the state attendees to analyze current disaster recovery plans and to begin the process of updating and enhancing recovery plans, specifically, the state's ESF 14. The goal established from the October training by the group is to complete the update of the state's ESF 14 in conjunction with the 2019 bi-annual Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) revision process.

The LTRS will continue these efforts to identify, coordinate and develop capacity building and planning efforts of the various state agencies in order to insure the implementation of resilient and sustainable recovery strategies for our state. The Subcommittee appreciates your continued leadership and support of these efforts.

Respectfully,

/s/ James B. Waskom

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